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SUBJECT: UNESCO'S GENEVA GROUP MEETS TO DISCUSS UNESCO
BUDGET

1. UNESCO'S GENEVA GROUP MET ON SEPT 10 TO DISCUSS WAYS TO ARRIVE AT A UNIFIED POSITION ON UNESCO'S BUDGET WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE 19TH GEN CONF FOR ADOPTION.
2. GROUP MEMBERS POINTED OUT THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS WERE GENERALLY UPSET BY THE TREND OF SHARPLY INCREASING INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION BUDGETS, AND AGREED THAT WAYS SHOULD BE SOUGHT TO REDUCE PROPOSED UNESCO BUDGET.
3. AS AN IMMEDIATE ACTION POSITION, IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT GENEVA GROUP LOBBY AT UPCOMING EXBD FOR A LUMP SUM REDUCTION OF ABOUT 2.5 MILLION DOLLARS IN UNESCO SECRETARIAT'S BUDGET PROPOSAL; DG M'BOW WOULD BE INFORMED BEFOREHAND, IN EFFORT GET HIS CONCURRENCE. A WORKING GROUP COMPOSED OF FRG, JAPAN AND ITALY WAS ESTABLISHED TO ARRIVE AT SPECIFIC ITEMS FOR REDUCTION.

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A 2.5 MILLION DOLLAR REDUCTION WAS CONSIDERED

SUFFICIENTLY MODEST TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE EXBD. DUE TO FAVORABLE DOLLAR RATE BUDGET WILL, IN ANY CASE, BE REDUCED BY ABOUT 6 MILLION TO 229 MILLION. MEMBERS OF GG FELT IT BEST TACTIC TO PRESS FOR SPECIFIC REDUCTIONS RATHER THAN FLATLY OPPOSE BUDGET FIGURE. NONE OF MEMBERS HAD FIRM INSTRUCTIONS AS TO FINAL POSITION ON THEIR GOVERNMENTS. WORKING GROUP WILL REPORT BACK TO GG IN MEETING SET FOR SEPT 17.

4. FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR FIXING BUDGET LIMITS WAS DISCUSSED WITHOUT ANY CONCLUSION. FRENCH DID NOT PRESS FOR ANY ACTION AND DID NOT SEEM PARTICULARLY WELL PREPARED ON SUBJECT.
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